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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR,US, UK, MU

SUBJECT: BRITISH TV COMMENT ON U.S. USE OF MASIRAH

1. ON FEBRUARY 3, BRITISH INDEPENDENT TELEVISION NEWS  
CARRIED STORY ON MASIRAH WHICH BEGAN AS FOLLOWS: "THE  
FOREIGN OFFICE HAS CONFIRMED THAT AMERICA WANTS TO USE  
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THE TINY ISLAND OF MASIRAH OFF THE COAST OF OMAN AS A RE-

FUELING BASE FOR THEIR LONG RANGE RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT. THE ISLAND, WHICH IS LEASED BY BRITAIN FROM THE SULTAN OF OMAN, IS AT PRESENT USED BY THE RAF. THE AMERICANS SAID IT WOULD BE A BASE FROM WHICH TO MONITOR THE INCREASING RUSSIAN NAVAL ACTIVITY AROUND THE GULF OIL STATES."

2. FCO OFFICIAL ASSURED US THAT FCO DID NOT MENTION USE FOR LONG RANGE RECONNAISSANCE AIRCRAFT. FCO WILL INVESTIGATE BUT NO DENIAL LIKELY TO BE ISSUED BECAUSE STORY WAS NOT PICKED UP ELSEWHERE; THERE WERE NO QUESTIONS ON THIS SUBJECT AT FEB. 4 FCO NEWS BRIEFING.

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